

ECCNA27 Mtg 11.19.23

Opened with Serenity Prayer @ 2:18pm

Concepts read by Steve

Roll call done by Taylor M.

Motion to accept minutes from 10.24.23 meeting-**ACCEPTED as submitted.**

9 people in attendance-Quorum was met

Chair Report:

Debbie acknowledges the fact that too much time was taken on theme and logos at our last meeting, and no one was really able to express how they felt with it. Would like to either pick one of the logos/themes OR we will pick a theme and then wait on the logo. We must put a shirt order in. People love the pre convention logo and are buying shirts for that reason. We must pick a theme and then we will pick a logo. Should have picked a theme and then got logos to fit that theme-in retrospect.

Registration is up on the website. Suites are selling fast!

Vice Chair Report:

Not in attendance.

Treasury Report:

Total: \$26,021

Expenses: \$7,935.07

BALANCE: \$18,085.93

Motion to accept report-**ACCEPTED**

Secretary Report:

Not in attendance.

Taylor M.-stepping in, nothing to report. Minutes from last month were accepted as is.

Site Liaison Report:

Site visit on the 12th. Other members of the committee attended so they could all see the layout of the campus for day of logistics.

Question-will we be putting pictures of the campus on the website?

No-there is a link on the registration. Webmaster can put it on the website for people to gain access to view the rooms and campus.

Arts & Graphics Report:

Have had the logos and themes since august with little feedback. There is a lot of work that has been put in to making these logos

Wants to know what's not liked from the designs, especially when there is no input from the group.

Can be limited to Directional signage and printing if needed.

Went into the policy and what is expected of her position

Noel presented all graphics to the group with the timeline of when/why they were made

At the very least, we need a theme to be voted on as that allows for workshops to be planned etc.

Motion-we vote on 'our message is freedom' to be the theme-**PASSED**

Motion-to vote on logo of our message is freedom with the NA symbols, the chain, the book & the sky-REMOVED & 2nd

Motion-to vote on book with, phrases, and chain, symbol-**DENIED** not enough votes

Motion-to vote on logo of our message is freedom with the NA symbols, the chain & the book-**PASSED**

Logos can be worked to look good on white and black shirts and would like the NA symbol to be presented in different colors

Next steps-to present different variations of the agreed upon logo/theme

Auction Report:

Nothing new to report.

Getting donations

Asking for pre convention and other convention excess info

Convention Info Report:

Have lists of:

- local & county jails - OBTAINED

- treatment centers - Taylor working on this

- Inpatient, recovery houses, CRP's - Taylor working on this

- local restaurants -OBTAINED

- local meetings - meeting lists from local areas

- local hotels - OBTAINED

Taylor made a draft letter for the committee to decide on pricing at our next meeting. Gave a copy to Debbie to present to the board.

Next steps:

- to decide on pricing to offer to institutions etc.

- how many people are invited per letter?

- would send letters to separate places and would offer pricing/amount of people/what days

- Need to find locations for scooters golf cart specialties

 - (Current letter has 1 staff to 5 clients/residents)

Will send letter to committee when

Question-what will the limit of people we allow for this convention to present in the letter?

Want to make sure we are being mindful of the amount of people we are allowing in due to reaching the capacity limit.

Question-Do we have a contingency plan for more people? Is there an overflow room?

Chrissy will ask the college liaison about tech and extra space. (tech is a separate contract)

Question-why are we charging newcomers to come to the convention?

Bc we are fully self supporting, so we try to ask, but treatment centers are able to donate for the patients, but if it is someone off the street, we have a donation pot to use for it.

Fundraising & Entertainment Report:

Chair not at the mtg. Report per email sent.

97 people in attendance

\$2500 sold in tickets etc

I want to thank everyone who have been attending the F&E & convention info meetings Tuesday nights at 8!

Our second Eccna event was such a success and had such a wonderful atmosphere!!

(Debbie or Micheal will break down the expenses, and what we raised please & thank you)

BUT WE DID GREAT!!

I want to thank my co chair Debby F and everyone of the committee members for all your help! The tremendous amount of help had me in tears on the way home from the event last night!! I can't thank you all enough!!

I discussed with my committee on thinking about stepping down, I'm just very up in the air about a lot of things BUT! I would like to just continue to plan our next event in January: a gift card & gift bag bingo!!! Mid to end of January date to fellow! We're working with Chris on a place in Montgomery county!! We discussed the rest of our events for each month until the convention.

On a personal note when I took the the F&E chair I wasn't aware that my family and I are expecting another baby! I'm due in June during the convention haha! So I'm just asking for everyone's help if I'm going to try to continue in this role! By April & May I know I will need a lot of help!

Thank you everyone for your support

Hospitality Report:

Not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Marathon Report:

Not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Merchandise Report:

Went to a speaker jam at halloween. Sold \$37 in raffles & 1 ticket

11.18 event-Sold \$380 in cash and \$60 in CC

Inventory:

Leftover Pittsburgh stuff -Jerseys - 2- 3xlg ,Hoodies-2- 4xlg, 3- 5xlg , T's 1 -3xlg , 4- 4xlg , 3- 5xlg
2 H&I mugs.

ECCNA27 - White T's 36 -xlg, 34 -lg, Black T's 18 -lg.

Needs a letter from Debbie for Jersey for the NE NJ Area Convention-N. Brunswick event. Giving permission to be there and sell merchandise.

Sent letters to the following conventions:

MARLCNA-will resend due to the event being January 19th (needs to send the letter a week prior) but will be fine to go and sell.

Chesapeake Potomac-sent letter and good

Delco-sent letter and good

Cape Atlantic-Pearly of Recovery-waiting

Needs more t-shirts for S, M, XL & XXL

Will be putting an order together in black shirts-

24-M

24-XL

12-XXL

6-3X

6-4X

voted-PASSED

Motion for extra shirts from Pittsburg will be given to Auction-voted-PASSED

Alternative merchandise-talk to vendors and get bids for submission to vend at the convention

Programming Report:

Site visit went really well.

Friday night-3-5pm 2 workshops in the overflow of the dining hall

Dinner to follow and then main speaker Bernaid Hall auditorium

Sat workshops-9am-3pm (rough time period) 3 workshops every hour or so until dinner

Dinner & evening event(s)

7-10pm main speaker & clean time countdown

Sunday workshops-10-12pm

This is a rough draft, can be changed as the convention gets closer and we add in other events and such

The buildings that we'll be using will be colored and made known to navigate

Registration Report:

Suites-groups take priority then single beds will be honored

Registration is live

Fliers brought to the committee to being back to their areas

Serenity Keepers Report:

Golf carts that the college provides will be sufficient. Will decide on how many we need when we get closer to the convention

Will need more than 6 walkie talkies

Registrants will have wristbands/lanyards-need to be identified for insurance purposes but also so this group knows who is who

Need access to different buildings-college will be giving us 6 FOBS and we will get more if we need

Need to reschedule dates for this subcommittee to meet due to them having meetings on 3rd sundays which conflict with

Issue was brought to the table on someone approaching Patrick regarding the cuts that some serenity keepers make. There are other ways to identify Serenity Keepers-hats, long sleeves shirts with Serenity Keepers on the sleeves, lanyards etc.

Motion-allow serenity keepers to wear their cuts, but need to have something that distinctly identifies them.

Pros:

1. no one else has specific dress codes
2. Can have long sleeves for those with the cuts and then t shirts for those who don't wear cuts.

Cons:

1. If we don't allow this, then we will lose a great group of Serenity Keepers
2. Pre judgements of the cuts

Voted on the motion-**PASSED** with 6

Open Forum:

Meeting closed at

Next meeting: December 17, 2023 (in person 2-4pm)